TEAM WORK
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FEATURED CHARACTERS:

Finn
Jake
Mysterious Man
Gork the Head
Trudy the Waist
Lee the Leg
Kim the Arm
Walter the Tail Scarf

THE ADVENTURE:

Finn and Jake are walking home after another awesome adventure when they meet a MYSTERIOUS MAN, dressed in rags, begging for food. Finn checks his backpack and finds a piece of candy. Even though it's his last piece, and his favorite, he happily gives it to the man -- who pops it in his mouth and makes a bunch of exceptionally loud, gross sucking and smacking noises until the candy is gone.

The man reveals that he's not really a beggar man… he's a magic man! And because Finn gave him that candy, he gives Finn a MAGIC BELT in return. Finn and Jake are totally psyched, until Finn puts on the belt and SCREAMS IN AGONY. Jake watches, shocked, as Finn's body is transformed into a GIANT LEG AND FOOT, with Finn's tiny head poking out of the knee.

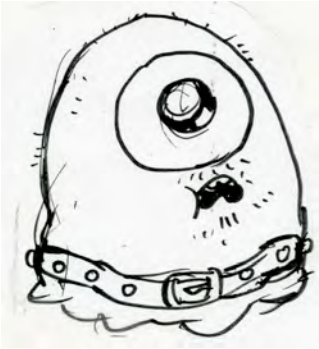
Jake asks the man what gives? He asked for food, and Finn gave him that candy. MYSTERIOUS MAN: "That candy tasted weird!" The man goes on to explain that he gives GOOD magic gifts for good food, and BAD magic gifts for bad food, and GOOD AND BAD magic gifts for weird food. So, while Finn was transformed into an ugly leg-foot creature (bad), he also has the (good) magic power of PLANT GROWTH.

Finn realizes the man is telling the truth when he steps down with his leg-foot; the ground instantly turns from dirt to grass, and flowers and small trees grow and bloom. As much as Finn likes the power, he'd rather go back to being a boy. The duo tries to capture the man to turn Finn back, but he runs away, cackling: "You'll never know my name!"

Jake tells Finn he doesn't look so bad, but then admits he really, really does, and suggests they head to the nearby village for help. Instead of helping, the villagers boo and hiss at Finn to "go under the bridge with your own kind." To make matters worse, the villagers also yell at Jake that they prefer cats over dogs "because they're smarter and more independent."

Finn and Jake go under the bridge and discover… FOUR MISSHAPEN CREATURES. Like Finn, these creatures used to be normal men and women. They also gave the mysterious man food that he deemed "weird" and were given both good and bad magic gifts. They introduce themselves as:

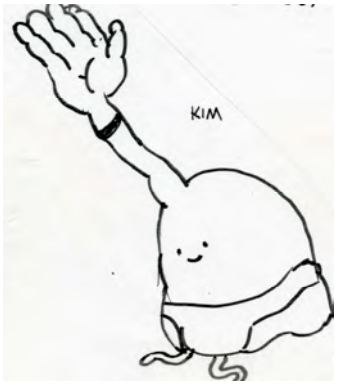
- GORK, a GIANT HEAD who has the power of LAVA VOMIT.



- TRUDY, a GIANT GROIN & WAIST who has the power of SUPER SIGHT.

- LEE, a GIANT LEG that can TURN TO STONE. (NOTE: Unlike Finn, Lee's face is higher up, by the hip).

- KIM, a GIANT SHOULDER & ARM who has the power of SUPER SPEED.

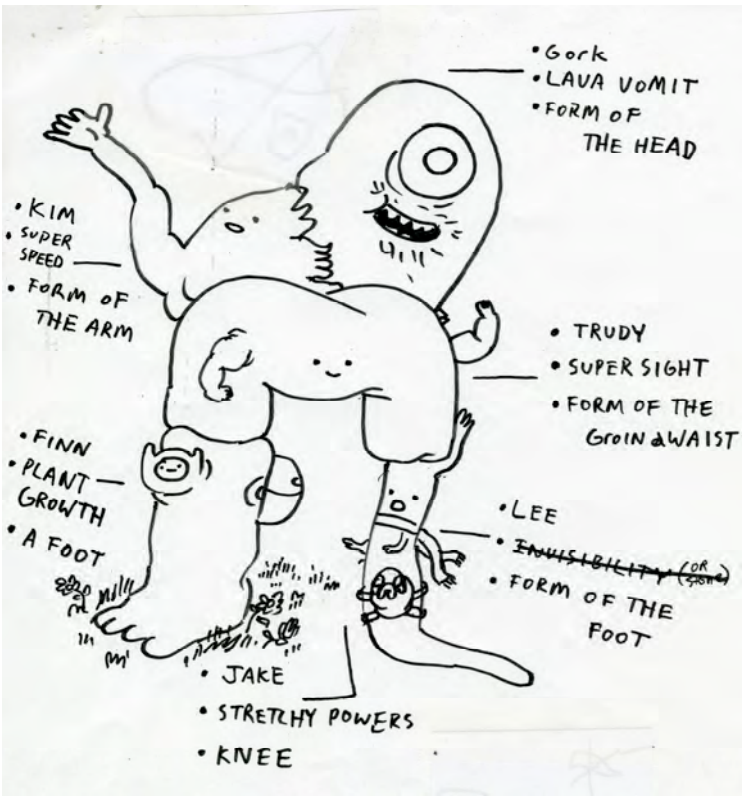


Last but not least, a shy LONG AND SKINNY CREATURE named WALTER introduces himself to Finn and Jake. They guess that he's a TAIL, but Walter insists he's actually a GIANT SCARF. Finn and Jake are dubious. They ask Walter what magic item he was given that caused his transformation. Walter admits he was given a MAGIC DECORATIVE TAIL to wear, but still sticks to his story that he's a scarf. NOTE: Walter also has the power of INVISIBILITY.

Despite their cool powers, the misshapen creatures hate their lives, and the fact that they've become outcasts in the village. The depressed group tells Finn that his place is now with them in their shadow world. Jake can stay, too, because, in case Finn didn't notice, the villagers really, really, really hate dogs.

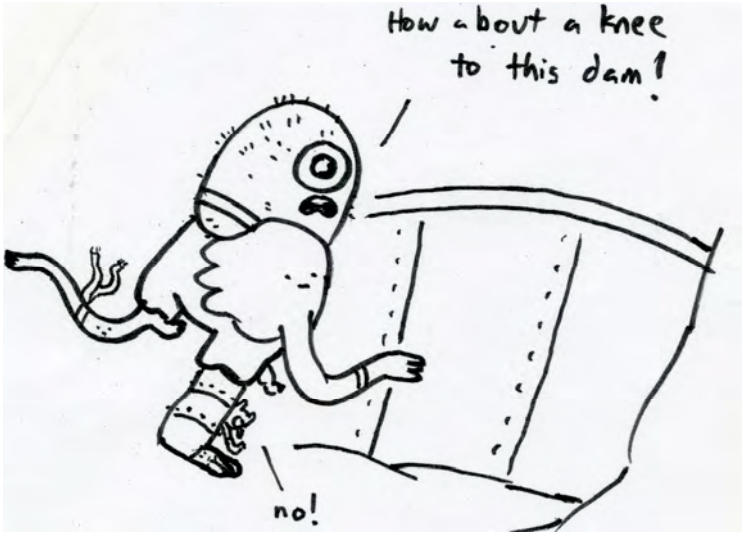
Finn and Jake refuse to accept this new fate. Finn gives an emotional speech about how all of them are better than that, and if they work together they can accomplish great things! Jake sees where Finn is going with this, and tells the creatures to pile on top of one another. After several false starts, they finally get it right and form… ONE COMPLETE GIANT CREATURE! It's clear that Walter should go on the butt as the tail, but he sticks to his story that he's a scarf, and wraps around the neck. Gork complains that Walter clashes with the rest of the body. WALTER: "Good thing I have invisibility!" And with that… Walter vanishes.

Meanwhile, the rest of the creatures are thrilled with their new body: "We're like a guy! We're like a big guy!" Lee points out that he doesn't have a knee to bend his leg. Jake happily shape shifts into a knee and hops onto the middle of Lee's leg so he's right at Finn's level. Now they are complete!



Finn proudly tells the gang that with their new body and their collective powers they can do anything they put their minds to. The other creatures agree and yell: "Let's go kill the villagers that humiliated us! Yeah!"

The body drags a reluctant Jake and Finn along as it awkwardly begins to destroy the village with their powers.



Jake and Finn finally get the creature to stop by tripping the body with Finn's leg-foot. The body crashes to the ground, and Finn preaches that they must use their body for

good! Luckily for Finn, an opportunity arises for them to do just that. Trudy the Waist uses her super sight to see a VOLCANO ERUPTED and AN OCEAN OF MOLTEN LAVA is headed right towards them. As if that wasn't enough, Trudy reports there is also a HUGE AVALANCHE coming from the other direction!

The body springs into action and averts the disaster using their collective powers. For example, Lee turns to stone and knocks the village water tower to the ground; Gork gains access to the water by melting the side of the tower with his lava vomit; finally, Kim flaps her one arm super fast, which causes the water to blow onto the approaching lava – cooling it instantly. Meanwhile, Finn uses his plant growth power to grow VINES INTO A GIANT NET, which stops the oncoming boulders from crashing into the village.

The misshapen creatures thank Finn and Jake for showing them how awesome it can be to save the day. In fact, all they want to do now is have adventures. Jake and Finn assure them there are many to be found just as Trudy spies with her super sight… a SWARM OF ANTLER FROGS ATTACKING A WICKER MAN IN THE SWAMP! Jake and Finn ask the body to please use the footbridge through the swamp. The body doesn't listen, though, and charges through the water, which comes up to the body's upper leg. As a result, Jake and Finn get dunked in mud and grime each time the body takes a step. As they gasp for air, we CUT TO:

A very quick montage of the body doing battle with GIANT MONSTERS and WIZARDS and other EVIL CREATURES. In each epic battle, the body uses its knees a lot to fight, and Jake and Finn (both at knee level) subsequently get the crap kicked out of them. FADE TO:

That night, the body heads to the forest for some shuteye. Jake and Finn look like hell, and all they want to do is sleep. They get excited when they see the perfect bed of moss to rest their weary bones, but the rest of the body prefers sleeping on rocks and dirt. Jake and Finn object, but the body takes a vote and… onto the rocks and dirt they go. To make matters worse, the body prefers to sleep on its stomach, so Jake and Finn find themselves face down on the ground.

Finn has a muffled heart to heart with Jake, in which he says he hates getting beat up all day long. More important, he misses having adventures just the two of them. Jake agrees, and so they both separate from the body and sneak off into the night. CUT TO:

After much searching, Jake and Finn find the MYSTERIOUS MAN alone, cackling to himself: "They'll never know my name! They'll never know my name!" Finn and Jake attack the man in the hopes of forcing him to undo Finn's curse. Except Finn can't really move that well in his leg-foot body, and the mysterious man captures them both. He's about to destroy them, when a loud voice says: "Stop!" All three turn to see the GIANT BODY, which saw Finn and Jake sneak off, and hopped after them on one leg (NOTE: It was really easy to track Finn's giant footprints that were green and sprouted flowers).

The mysterious man sees the body for the first time, and… applauds. He gives a convoluted explanation about how he cursed them all so they would learn the value of teamwork. With that, the mysterious man waves a magic wand at the body, and everyone returns to their original forms (and the magic items which transformed them – a necklace, a wristwatch, etc. – fall to the ground). Walter, the tail scarf is also transformed back into a man (who, coincidentally wears a beautiful, flowing scarf) and the other guys admit they kinda forgot all about him.

The mysterious man tells Finn and Jake that they clearly DIDN'T learn teamwork and will, therefore, be cursed forever. MAN: "You will forever be a leg-foot, and you will forever be a dog! And… you'll never know my name!" Jake says they don't care about his stupid name, and Finn argues that the teamwork was his idea. MAN: "You know, taking credit for the teamwork idea really doesn't sound like teamwork." Gork, Trudy, Lee, Kim, and Walter vouch for Finn's honesty, however, and the mysterious man reluctantly turns Finn back to normal.

It looks as though everything is wrapped up neatly until Gork, Trudy, Lee, Kim and Walter say… they don't want to go back to their mundane lives. After wishing for years and years to be turned back to normal they now realize what they really want is… to be the big guy again! The only problem is, now they're missing a leg-foot. The mysterious man has always wanted to be part of a team and volunteers to take Finn's place. With that, he waves his wand again, and transforms them all back into the GIANT CREATURE.

Finn and Jake watch the body awkwardly run off. Jake is happy for them, but thinks the mysterious man will regret his decision because the body doesn't take good care of his knees.

THE END